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The Council of Ministers and the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party are aware of the unsatisfactory manner in which okrug, okoliya, and local people's soviets, as well as primary party organizations, have carried out the government and party directives with regard to animal husbandry, fodder production, slaughtering, and resistance to hostile activities aimed at the disruption of cooperative farming and livestock production. One of the most flagrant infringements of the farm workers' cooperative statute has been the policy of farmers to transfer their poorest animals to the cooperative and keep the best for their private use, or to slaughter or sell their stock before enrolling.

To stop the indiscriminate annihilation of the country's livestock, the Council of Ministers and the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party have issued the following decree:

1. Heifer calves and buffalo heifers less than 18 months old shall not be slaughtered.
2. Farm workers' cooperatives, their members, private individuals, livestock farms, and auxiliary enterprises are forbidden to sell livestock without a permit from the local people's soviet.
3. Upon applications submitted by the local people's soviets, the Ministry of Agriculture may exempt from the above regulations livestock unfit for draft and breeding purposes. Authorizations will be issued only after a careful examination, on the premises, of every individual case.
4. The organs of the Mesotsentrala (Meat Center) state economic enterprise shall exchange animals of TKZS (farm workers' cooperatives) which are unfit for draft and breeding for animals suitable for the above purposes. The rates will be established in accordance with an agreement between the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Internal Trade.

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5. The Ministry of Internal Trade shall purchase from the TKZS through December 1950, and during January-February 1951, all beef cattle, including buffaloes, and sheep which have been separated from the cooperatives according to Article 3 of this decree.

6. Pelo Pelovski, Minister of Internal Trade, and Titko Chernokolev, Minister of Agriculture, shall ascertain whether any pregnant animals have been sold for slaughtering and shall prosecute the individuals guilty of this offense.

7. The okrug, okoliya, and local people's soviets and party organizations shall supervise all TKZS and establish the following data for each of their members:

- a. The number of draft and breeding animals owned by every member before his enrollment in the cooperative.
- b. Number and kind of animals transferred to the TKZS.
- c. Number of animals sold, slaughtered, or left for private use.

Those members who kept more animals for their private use than the number transferred to the cooperative should transfer the excess stock to their cooperative not later than 10 January 1951, in accordance with Article 8 of the TKZS Statute.

8. The stock transferred to the TKZS should be put up in cooperative, communal, or private barns suitable for the particular kind of animal. All barns must be provided with mangers and windows. Horses should be at least 1.40 meters apart, and cattle 1.20 meters.

9. The TKZS administrations, local, okoliya, and okrug people's soviets, and primary party organizations shall arrange that draft animals be permanently allocated to field brigades, so that every pair of animals shall be committed to one worker who will be responsible for their care. Every TKZS should set up special livestock brigades, which will be employed at that assignment for at least 2 years. These brigades should consist of the most efficient and reliable members of the cooperative. Each brigade member shall bear personal responsibility for the proper discharge of his duties.

10. The okrug and okoliya people's soviets shall supervise the fodder supply. Fodder deliveries will be made according to the directions given by the regional agriculturists and zootechnicians, TKZS supervisors, and the Ministry of Agriculture. Horses and cattle will be fed three times a day and watered twice daily.

11. The TKZS are required to provide immediately for increasing pressed-fodder deliveries for horses, especially for pregnant mares, foals, and colts.

12. Livestock shall not be fed straw and dry corn stalks. TKZS administrations are directed to prepare straw and corn stalks according to the instructions of zootechnicians and veterinarians. Every TKZS should have pits to treat straw and corn stalks according to the Polyanski method.

13. The okrug, okoliya, and local people's soviets and party committees shall supervise the care of livestock and the condition of barns, and shall set up strict 24-four-hour schedules for the care of certain animals.

14. The okrug, okoliya, and local people's soviets, party committees, and primary party organizations shall supervise the proper utilization of animals, especially of pregnant mares and see that the latter are not used for heavy work.

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15. Okrug, okoliya, and local people's soviets, and party committees shall determine what quantities of pressed, succulent, coarse, and grass fodder the TKZS members have still failed to deliver, shall determine their shares of land according to Article 8 of the TKZS Statute, and see that the fodder is transferred to the cooperatives not later than 10 January 1951.

16. The TKZS are authorized to purchase fodder from their own funds on the free market.

17. Agriculturists, zootechnicians, and veterinarians shall extend consistent and permanent aid for the care, utilization, and breeding of animals in TKZS.

18. TKZS administrations are directed to establish records of the experiences and recommendations of persons engaged in livestock care.

19. The Ministry of Agriculture and okrug and okoliya people's soviets shall call meetings before 31 December 1950 of all livestock brigades and workers to receive practical instructions from zootechnicians, agriculturists, and veterinarians. Okrug, okoliya, and local people's soviets shall make frequent checks to ascertain whether the TKZS statutes and regulations for proper livestock care have been violated, and to identify the persons responsible for the infractions.

20. The Ministry of Agriculture shall issue and distribute within 20 days comprehensive pamphlets on proper livestock care and the prevention of livestock diseases.

21. The primary party organizations, Fatherland Front organizations, and TKZS shall call joint meetings to discuss this decree and the proper measures to improve livestock care and fodder supplies.

22. The okrug, okoliya, and local people's soviets, okrug and okoliya party committees, and primary party organizations shall extend every help to TKZS for the proper transfer, care, and feeding of their animals.

23. The Bulgarian Investment Bank shall release to the TKZS 40,025,000 leva for the purchase of 180 mechanized and 300 manual straw cutters from the Zemsnaab state economic enterprise.

24. A special commission will be established to supervise the collection, storing, and utilization of fodder. It will consist of the following: Georgi Traykov, chairman; Titko Chernokolev, Minister of Agriculture; Pello Pelovski, Minister of Internal Trade; and Nikola Stoilov, administrator of the rural department of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party.

25. The okrug people's soviets shall report to the Ministry of Agriculture on the 1st and 15th of every month on form No. 3.

26. The Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Internal Trade are required to submit to the Council of Ministers before 1 March 1951 a draft project for promoting animal husbandry on state farms, TKZS, and socialized livestock farms.

27. The Main Statistical Administration is required to furnish the Council of Ministers before 31 January 1951 with the preliminary data on the number of livestock in okrugs and okolias, classified according to kind, breed, and age.

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The Council of Ministers and the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party are appealing to all party organizations, people's soviets, Fatherland Front organizations, associations of the Bulgarian National Agricultural Union, young people and women, and TKZS and private farmers to wage a relentless struggle against the activities of class enemies directed against the people's government and the socialist structure of rural areas.

Vigilance should be increased throughout the nation. "Harmless" and "incidental" errors should be recognized as part of the malicious and persistent campaign of the enemy directed against the nation's livestock supply. The enemies should be unmasked and rejected by means of the most stringent measures.

Violations of the provisions of the above decree will be subject to severe penalties.

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